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Application No.: Not yet assigned Group Art Unit: --  
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Title: CIRCUIT FOR PERFORMING EXTERNAL PACING AND BIPHASIC DEFIBRILLATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 3, please insert the heading --Relationship to Other Applications--; and

*Not over 1/12/01*  
Page 1, line 4, please insert --This application is a continuation and claims the benefit  
*now U.S. Patent No. 6,208,895*  
under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of prior Application No. 09/172,322, filed October 13, 1998. The  
disclosure and drawings of Application No. 09/172,322 are specifically incorporated herein by  
reference.--

In the Claims:

*31*  
Please cancel Claims 1-33 and add the following new Claim:

*32*  
An apparatus capable of providing both pacing pulses and defibrillation pulses to  
a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a transfer circuit for externally transferring energy to the patient; and

*A2*  
a controller coupled to the transfer circuit that causes the transfer circuit to externally  
transfer energy in a defibrillation pulse to the patient when defibrillation therapy is appropriate,